

## PROTECTING TROPICAL FRUITS.

Freezes Suggest Reforms in the Manner of Cultivating Oranges.

Apropos of the damage Florida crops have sustained from the recent freezes, Bradstreet's has some timely suggestions. It says:

"On the theory that it is an ill wind that does not convey good to some people, the recurrence of cold waves, which in the past have blighted the hopes of Florida orange producers, which have been heard of with regret in northern markets, where this state's fine fruit is highly esteemed, may in time bring about a change in the system of orange growing which will be highly profitable to the Florida orange interests. The reforms proposed are, most of them, matters of cultivation. The growing of smaller trees and better care, in other words intensified production—is suggested as one means to the end that Florida oranges may be cultivated profitably in the future. One suggestion made seriously by the Times-Union and Citizen is the roofing in or the covering, partially or wholly, of the orange grove, either with glass, wood or canvas, to the end that when a heavy freeze is experienced the trees and their golden fruit may be preserved. The production of trees of shortened growth is claimed to have been widely extended in Southern Spain in order that the damage from the hot winds from Africa might be avoided. In the Azores the height of the trees is limited to twelve or fourteen feet. In Corsica the citron is said to be kept down to a height from which it can conveniently be protected with mats or blankets. An instance is cited by our Florida contemporary of an orange preserve near Genoa, Italy, of twelve acres, protected in winter with boards and glass and yielding a revenue of many thousands of dollars per acre each year. It has been pointed out that sheep are raised on the hills of Scotland without any protection, but it is also to be remembered that hothouse lambs are raised in the northern states of this country at a handsome profit to the growers. The agricultural department some time ago announced its discovery of a small Japanese orange tree, with which the American orange might be crossed, producing a hardy fruit of good flavor. The Japanese tree, like many others, partakes of the nature of a dwarf. It would seem possible that such a tree might with profit be introduced in Florida, and perhaps in sections further north, to the end that a sure crop of oranges may be gathered in the South Atlantic states. If, as seems possible, intensified or improved horticulture will furnish a guarantee of steady crops of this fruit, Florida growers might well embrace the opportunities offered them."

## APRIL QUARANTINE.

United States Marine Hospital Service Fixes That Date.

Dr. Porter, state health officer, has announced that the summer quarantine for Florida will be established on April 1st, in accordance with the decision of the Washington health authorities to begin operations at that time. Heretofore the Florida state board of health has fixed May 1st as early enough to set the maritime quarantine machinery in motion, but as the national quarantine officials have advanced the date by a month, and to harmonize with this order, and because, according to an act of congress, the national authorities have chosen to establish the minimum, the state board will also make the season date from April 1st.

The state board does not institute quarantine at the first of next month because it believes it is necessary, but because it is practically ordered to do so. The same provision and date will also be observed in all the southern states.

The annual meeting of the board, which was postponed from the regular date, February 13, to March 13, will be held on Tuesday of next week, March 20th. Dr. Porter is busy with his secretary, Frank B. Matthews, at Miami, preparing his annual report for the year. This report promises to be of more than usual interest, as it will cover the period of yellow fever at Key West and Miami, during the past summer. It is surmised that it will also deal somewhat with the relations between the state board of health and the United States marine hospital service, of which Dr. Wyman is the official head.

## Tax Statement.

Tax statement for the month of February, 1900, for taxes assessed and levied for the year 1899, as per section 35, chapter 4115, laws of Florida:

Collected in Feb., 1900.	Amount yet to be collected.
Co. revenue—gen'l fund, \$682.29	\$ 8,886.43
School fund, 865.36	11,108.04
Co. road and bridge fund, 519.22	6,664.82
Fine and forfeiture fund, 86.53	1,110.81
Special road fund, Dist. 2, 47.05	1,365.99
" " " " 5, 424.85	3,474.97
Polls (school fund) -----	29.00
Total-----	\$2,664.30 \$33,672.06

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Clerk of Circuit Court.

F. B. Thirkield, health inspector of Chicago, says: "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cannot be recommended too highly. It cured me of severe dyspepsia." It digests what you eat and cures indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. B. R. Wilson & Son.

## PORTO RICO OPPOSES IT.

They Object to the Measure Proposed By Congress.

The planters, merchants and manufacturers of Porto Rico mailed to congress from San Juan the first of the week a statement in part as follows:

We note with regret the principle enunciated by certain speakers in the lower house of congress that a tariff between Porto Rico and the United States is the proper method of raising revenue for this island. To this we are unchangeably opposed for the following reasons:

First—Because taxation on our exports means an embargo on our foreign commerce.

Second—Because curtailment of our commerce with the United States would lock up our products here and prevent us from gaining our legitimate proportion of profit on our productions.

We can never become independent financially if forced to trade solely among ourselves. We must have a market other than Porto Rico or else we cannot gain wealth.

It is a fact that no class of goods produced here from leaf tobacco will be taxed less than 25 per cent. ad valorem, while one of the most important of this class will be taxed 100 per cent. ad valorem under the bill adopted by the house of representatives.

If this is not an embargo on our trade, what can it be called?

We earnestly ask for free trade, believing that with a mutual interchange of products between the two countries the United States will be more than gainer. The United States will for many years supply our 1,000,000 people with their manufactured products. In general we recognize the fact that a revenue to support the insular government would be necessary, but we are decidedly of opinion that the better method for raising that revenue will be by internal taxation.

The fact cannot be disputed that our people are in sore distress. All commerce is now hampered. The investment of capital is stopped. The farmers have not means to plant or gather their crops. Capital refuses to come here for investment in either manufactured or agricultural purposes for the reason that the sovereignty of the United States over this island has deprived us of free trade with Spain and with Cuba, which formerly took our exports at fair prices and enabled us to live.

We now ask as a right in equity that free trade with the United States be given us. We ask bread as a right from our mother. Do not, we pray, give us a stone. We ask for an immediate decision.

It is reported that a fine brick building, to be used as a young men's dormitory, is to be erected by John B. Stetson university, at DeLand, this summer, work on which will soon begin.

## Danger Signals!

Do you take cold with every change in the weather? Does your throat feel raw? And do sharp pains dart through your chest?

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## Mississippi on Trusts.

The house anti-trust bill was passed by the senate Saturday by a vote of 24 to 4. The bill makes all trusts and combines illegal; all contracts with such null and void; their agents punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment. Corporations will not be permitted to purchase or control another in the same business. Companies violating the law are to forfeit their charter, and foreign concerns are barred from the state. Five hundred dollars is the amount that may be recovered by any person injured by a trust.

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## Weather Report.

SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY BY REV. JAS. H. WHITE, U. S. WEATHER OBSERVER.

Highest temperature on the 9th, 81.5; lowest temperature on the 18th, 30.0.

Mean for the month 59.1; average mean for 19 years, 63.2; highest mean in 19 years in 1883, 72.6; lowest mean in 19 years in 1895, 54.2.

Rainfall in inches, 1.57; average for 23 years, 2.62; greatest in 23 years in 1899, 6.23; least in 23 years in 1882, 0.15.

Number of clear days, 18; number of fair days, 3; number of cloudy days, 7; number of days with rain, 4.

Prevailing direction of wind, southeast. Island Home, Merritts Island, Fla.

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